

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on December 8, 2006. Applicant thanks Examiner Fubara for allowing claims 15-17, 19, 21, 23, 27-29, 32, 37 and 42-47. Claims that were objected to, including Claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 14, 34, 39, 40, 41, 44, 50, and 52 have been amended to include their independent Claims to overcome the objection. Rejected Claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 25, 26, 33, 49, and 51 have been canceled herein without prejudice to reclaiming the subject matter therein in a subsequent application.

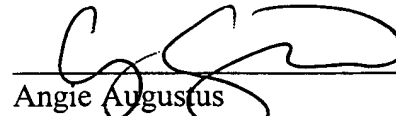
CONCLUSION

No new matter has been added and all cancellations have been made merely to expedite prosecution and fall within the scope of any presently allowed claims. Accordingly, Applicant reserves the right to continue pursuing previously presented arguments in any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (415) 954-0345.

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